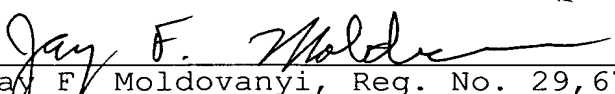


concerning the use of multiple dependent claims,
applicant has submitted the instant Preliminary Amendment
to remove multiple dependencies from the claims.

Prompt and favorable examination of this application
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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